

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17-33. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A packaged furniture assembly, comprising:
 - a chair comprising:
 - an air permeable bladder, and
 - a filler disposed within the air permeable bladder, the chair being selectively compressed when air is removed from within the air permeable bladder; and
 - a vacuum chamber configured to house the chair therein;
 - wherein the vacuum chamber has a partial opening therein to thereby allow air inside the vacuum chamber while the chair is within the vacuum chamber; and
 - a storage container configured to house the chair and vacuum chamber therein when the chair is selectively compressed, wherein the storage container comprises an air permeable material.
2. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the partially opened vacuum chamber has a portion thereof that is gathered together without forming an airtight seal, thereby forming a partial opening.
3. **(canceled)**

4. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the partial opening allows the chair to partially refill with air.
5. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed to about 1% to about 99% of the original volume.
6. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed to about 4% to about 50% of the original volume.
7. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed to about 5% to about 25% of the original volume.
8. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed to about 5% to about 15% of the original volume.
9. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed, then allowed to refill with air until reaching about 6% to about 99% of the chair's original volume.

10. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed, then allowed to refill with air until reaching about 8% to about 50% of the chair's original volume.

11. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the chair is selectively compressed, then allowed to refill with air until reaching about 10% to about 25% of the chair's original volume.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein further comprising at the storage container having an opening configured to receive the chair and vacuum chamber when the chair is selectively compressed.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The furniture assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the storage container is constructed from an air permeable material, and wherein when the chair and vacuum chamber are disposed within the storage container, the partial opening of the vacuum chamber is opened so that at least a minimal amount of air is allowed inside the vacuum chamber, such that the chair partially refills with air.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The furniture assembly as recited in claim 121, wherein the storage container is constructed of comprises an air impermeable fabric material, the storage container having an opening which is selectively opened and closed to seal the storage container from communication with the atmosphere.

15. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein a minimal amount of air is allowed inside the vacuum chamber.

16. **(Original)** The packaged furniture assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the bladder comprises a flaccid material.

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34. (Currently Amended) A packaged furniture assembly, comprising:

a chair comprising:

an air permeable bladder, and

a filler disposed within the air permeable bladder, the chair being selectively compressed when air is suctioned from within the air permeable bladder;

a vacuum chamber having an opening and configured to receive the chair therein; and

a storage container having an opening and configured to receive the chair and vacuum chamber therein when the chair is selectively compressed, wherein the storage container comprises an air permeable material.

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35. (Previously Presented) An assembly as recited in claim **34**, wherein the air permeable bladder comprises a fabric material.

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36. (New) An assembly as recited in claim **34**, wherein the storage container comprises a fabric material.

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37. (New) An assembly as recited in claim **34**, wherein the storage container comprises a cotton material.

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38. (New) An assembly as recited in claim **34**, wherein the storage container comprises a duffle bag.

~~40~~ 39. (New) An assembly as recited in claim ~~34~~³⁵, wherein the storage container comprises a woven material.

~~41~~ 40. (New) An assembly as recited in claim ~~34~~³⁵, wherein the storage container comprises a pliable material.

~~42~~ 41. (New) An assembly as recited in claim ~~34~~³⁵, wherein the opening of the vacuum chamber allows the chair to partially refill with air.

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(New) A packaged furniture assembly, comprising:

a chair comprising:

an air permeable bladder, and

a filler disposed within the air permeable bladder, the chair being selectively compressed when air is suctioned from within the air permeable bladder;

a vacuum chamber having an opening and configured to receive the chair therein; and

a duffle bag having an opening and configured to receive the chair and vacuum chamber therein when the chair is selectively compressed.

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(New) The assembly of claim 42, wherein the opening of the vacuum chamber allows the chair to partially refill with air when chair and vacuum chamber are disposed within the duffle bag.

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(New) The assembly of claim 43, wherein the duffle bag is sufficiently resistant to tearing when the chair partially refills with air.

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(New) A packaged furniture assembly, comprising:

a chair comprising:

an air permeable bladder, and

a filler disposed within the air permeable bladder, the chair being selectively compressed when air is suctioned from within the air permeable bladder;

a vacuum chamber having an opening and configured to receive the chair therein; and

a storage container having an opening and configured to receive the chair and vacuum chamber therein when the chair is selectively compressed, wherein the storage container comprises a fabric bag.

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(New) The assembly of claim 45, wherein when the chair is selectively compressed and the chair and vacuum chamber are disposed within the storage container the opening of the vacuum chamber remains at least partially open so as to allow the chair to partially refill with air.

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(New) The assembly of claim 45, wherein the storage container comprises a pliable cylindrical shaped bag.

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(New) A packaged furniture assembly, comprising:

a chair comprising:

an air permeable bladder, and

a filler disposed within the air permeable bladder, the chair being selectively compressed when air is suctioned from within the air permeable bladder;

a vacuum chamber having an opening and configured to receive the chair therein; and

a flexible, air permeable cotton bag having an opening and configured to receive the chair and vacuum chamber therein when the chair is selectively compressed.

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(New) The assembly of claim 48, wherein the opening of the vacuum chamber is partially open to allow the chair to partially refill with air when the chair and vacuum chamber are disposed within the flexible, air permeable cotton bag.

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(New) The assembly of claim 48, wherein the flexible, air permeable cotton bag is of sufficient strength so as to prevent tearing of the bag when the chair and vacuum chamber are placed therein and the chair is allowed to partially refill with air.

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(New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the storage container comprises a cotton material.